

June 29, 2015

PHYSICIAN

NEWS BRIEF

BUSINESS UPDATES

Harrison Physician Parking Lot to have Spaces Blocked June 30

On Tuesday, June 30, a portion of the Harrison Physician parking lot will be blocked off to accommodate the equipment needed to complete roof repairs. There will be additional parking spaces blocked off specifically for physicians in the employee lot. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brian Scully, facilities services at 989.583.4090.

Pilot Program for OB Patient Admissions

In an effort to provide collaborative and safe delivery of care, the sections of OB, FM, IM and HM are piloting a change in the admission process of OB patients. In this pilot, pregnant patients less than 20 weeks age of gestation who present with primary medical conditions will be admitted by their respective primary physicians. A timely OB and pharmacy consultation will be obtained for these patients.

Active Medical Staff Meeting July 13

The Active Medical Staff Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, with lunch served at 11:30 in the newly renovated Spencer T. Maidlow Education Center (formerly Cooper Lecture Theatre).

ICD-10 Web Based Education Modules- Update

You may continue completing your ICD-10 education modules via the Mobile App, direct web site and Epic link. To access via Epic, click the Epic button on top left >> Links >> AHIMA ICD10 Training. These modules are to prepare you for the increased expectations that will be required of you for documentation, coding, and billing purposes. CME credits will be available at the conclusion of your training. Please call Karla Mishler 989.583.4186 for any further questions or clarification.

ETC.

Medicare requirements for home health care certification

In 2011 CMS passed regulations which requires documentation that a physician had a face to face encounter with the patient 90 days prior to or 30 days after the start of home health care services. Over the last two years, CMS has significantly expanded the scope of that documentation to also require a very detailed narrative explaining what services are ordered and why the patient is homebound. A template modeled after the CMS form is available in Epic as either a smart phrase or smart text titled "Face to Face". This form should be completed at the time of referral to home health or when discharging from acute care. CMS continues to change standards and as such home health care agencies including VNA are all working to modify forms as CMS offers new guidance. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Idzior at 989.583.3007.